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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

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Sir:

Applicant in the above-referenced U.S. patent application hereby asserts that he is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

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